

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventor..... William A. Fuglevand et al.  
Assignee ..... Avista Laboratories, Inc.  
Group Art Unit..... 1745  
Examiner ..... Stephen J. Kalafut  
Attorney's Docket No. ....AV1-059  
Title: Fuel Cell Power Systems and Methods of Controlling a Fuel Cell Power System

**RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 17, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

To: Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended by a one month period to and including February 17, 2004, by the Request for Extension of Time which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks and arguments begin on page 26.